

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (original): A method for screening a pro-apoptotic compound comprising:

a culture step of culturing cells expressing p73 and IKK- α under respective conditions of being in the presence of and in the absence of a test compound;

an assay step of assaying the interactions between p73 and IKK- α in the respective cultured cells; and

a determination step of determining the test compound as a pro-apoptotic compound, where the interaction between p73 and IKK- α in the cell cultured in the presence of the test compound is stronger than the interaction between p73 and IKK- α in the cell cultured in the absence of the test compound.

3. (canceled).

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

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8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).